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PART-I

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA

HOME (POLITICAL) DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 23rd November, 2022.

No.POL.195/2022/7. - Whereas report has been received from Deputy Commissioner, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai, that on 22nd November, 2022 a firing incident occurred at Mukroh Village, West Jaintia Hills District wherein due to firing by Assam State Police and Assam Forest Officials 6 (six) people died;

Whereas the public grievances and anguish due to this incident may cause widespread disruption of law and order;

Whereas to address this public concern and with a view to have an independent judicial inquiry to credibly enquire into the circumstances leading to the firing incident at Mukroh Village that led to the death of 5 (five) people from Meghalaya and 1 (one) person from Assam, the Governor is of the opinion that it is necessary to appoint a Commission of Inquiry under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (No. 60 of 1952);

Now therefore, in exercise of the power conferred by Section 3 of the Commission of Inquiry Act, 1952 (No. 60 of 1952), the Governor is pleased to appoint a One-man Commission of Inquiry consisting of Hon'ble Mr. Justice T. Vaiphei, former Chief Justice of the High Court of Tripura and Chairperson, Meghalaya Human Rights Commission to inquire into the death of the 6 (six) people, under the below-mentioned terms of reference:

1. To hold an inquiry into the circumstances leading to the firing by the Assam Police and Assam Forest Officials on the 22nd November, 2022 resulting in the death of 6 (six) people;
2. To give a fact finding report as to the culpability or otherwise of the Assam Police and Assam Forest Officials action resulting in the death of 6 (six) people;
3. Any other circumstances which are relevant, in the opinion of the Commission.

The Commission may submit its report embodying the findings and its recommendations thereon to the State Government within a period of 2 (two) months from the date of this Notification.

The Commission shall formulate its own procedure, and may give to all concerned such notice of Inquiry and all the procedures formulated by it as it may consider necessary and proper. The venue of the inquiry shall be Shillong.

Having regard to the nature of the enquiry to be made and other circumstances of the case, it is also directed that the provisions of sub-sections (2), (3), (4) and (5) of Section 5 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 be made applicable to the Commission.

The Commission may be assisted by such officials, experts or bodies as it may require in connection with the Inquiry. All the powers provided to the Commission under the Commission of Inquiry Act, 1952 (No. 60 of 1952) shall be available to the Commission.

By orders of the Governor,

Chief Secretary,
Government of Meghalaya.